

the benches and hillsides, all the cultivated grasses grow in profusion wherever sown. Red clover, alfalfa, sainfoin, alsike, timothy and brome grass yield large returns—three crops in the season in some districts and under favorable circumstances. Hay averages about 2 tons to the acre and the average price \$18 to \$27.

FRUIT GROWING. It is estimated one million acres south of 52nd degree will produce all fruits of the temperate zone. Apples of excellent quality will grow as far north as Hazelton, on the Skeena River, between 55 and 56 degrees north. Apricots, almonds and nuts have been tried with success. In 1891, total acreage in fruit was 6,437; in 1901, 7,430; in 1905, 29,000; in 1912, estimated at about 50,000. In 1902, the first shipments were 1,956 tons; in 1911, fruits and vegetables moved by rail, 13,605½ tons. Large profits are made in the business. For districts, see under "Agric. and Fruit Districts."

GRAPES. Tokay, Concord, Campbell's Early and Moore's Diamond, are the varieties chiefly cultivated. Grape-growing has not been established in a commercial sense, though conditions are favorable in all southern districts.

HOP CULTURE. The Okanagan, Agassiz and Chilliwack Districts are well suited to hop growing and produce large quantities, unexcelled in quality. British Columbia hops demand good prices in the British market and most of the crop is sent there, though recently Eastern Canada and Australia are buying increasing quantities. The yield of hops averages 1,500 pounds to the acre and the average price is 25 cents per pound.

HORSES. There is a good general demand for heavy-draught horses; good horses bring \$500 to \$800 a pair. The demand for carriage horses, chiefly confined to coast cities, is increasing. The medium animals bring from \$200 up; better animals from \$350 to \$1,500 each. In 1911, B.C. imported 8,953 horses, value \$1,341,491.

POULTRY. Importations of eggs and poultry average \$2,-447,500 annually. All parts of the province suitable to poultry raising. Eggs average 40 cents per dozen. Poultry, 22 to 30 cents per pound. In 1911, B.C. imported 5,636,-815 lbs. of poultry, value \$1,142,735, and 4,869,627 dozen eggs, value \$973,193.

ROOTS AND VEGETABLES. All kinds of roots and vegetables grow to perfection and sell at good prices. Potatoes, turnips, beets, mangolds, and all the other roots